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REMARKS

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1. [redacted] the Putlitz Kaserne in Rostock was occupied by about 1,700 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and motor transport insignia. About 30 percent of the troops wore a red-bordered black rhombus with artillery insignia. The barracks installation seemed to have been occupied 80 percent. AT-guns of 57-mm and 100-mm and 76-mm field guns were noticed. The 57-mm AT guns and 76-mm field guns were towed by trucks and the 100-mm AT guns by half-track armored personnel carriers. Soldiers were engaged in gun drill and aiming practice with carbines, submachine guns and light machine guns. [redacted]

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[redacted] 4 trucks, each occupied by 6 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and towing 76-mm field guns drove out of the barracks installation and headed toward the race course. [redacted]

[redacted] Troops have apparently arrived during the last 10 days. Groups of 15 to 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were repeatedly seen on trucks en route from the railroad station to the barracks installation. [redacted]

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2. [redacted] the Ulmen Kaserne was occupied by about 1,500 troops, most of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia, about 250 troops wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and about 200 naval soldiers of the Baltic Fleet. The installation seemed 60 to 70 percent occupied. Traffic of trucks and heavy weapons indicated connections between the troops in the Putlitz Kaserne and those in the Ulmen Kaserne. A headquarters was apparently stationed in the Ulmen Kaserne. AT guns of 57-mm, 76-mm field guns and 6 x 100-mm AT guns were seen in the billeting area. All weapons in the Ulmen Kaserne were coupled to trucks, contrary to the practice in the Putlitz Kaserne.

[redacted] Comment. Except that the number of personnel at the installations was considerably exaggerated, [redacted] the two installations as having been occupied by units of the 3d Gds AT Artz Brig. [redacted] It is believed that the brigade has received recruits since mid-October.

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